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## **Preliminary Statement**

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Sir:

This application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application Number 10/066,057, filed January 31, 2002, which is a divisional of United States Patent Application Number 09/654,357, filed September 1, 2000, which issued as United States Patent Number 6,384,087.

The specification has been amended and new claims have been added as discussed below. This is one of six concurrently filed related applications: High Calcium Foodstuffs

For Weight Loss (Attorney Docket No. 31894-199297), Methods Of Promoting Calcium

Consumption For Weight Loss (Attorney Docket No. 31894-199326), Dietary Plans Based on

Calcium (Attorney Docket No. 31894-199298), Materials and Methods of Regulating Body

Weight (Attorney Docket No. 31894-202097), Method of Reducing Risk of a Weight-related

Health Disease (Attorney Docket No. 31894-202098) and Materials and Methods of

Regulating Body Weight in Nonhuman Animals (Attorney Docket No. 31894-202099).